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Lean Six Sigma assignments open for IMA DLAMP Candidates

ARLINGTON, Va. — Opportunities exist for Installation Management Agency Defense Leadership and Management Program participants needing specific developmental expertise by taking Lean Six Sigma assignments.

"These opportunities give DLAMP participants the chance to exhibit the hard work and dedication to principles and strategies that can transform the installation business," said Rosye Faulk, deputy deployment director for IMA's Business Improvement Lean Six Sigma program. "Lean Six Sigma, which has been embraced Armywide, has proven that it is possible to achieve dramatic and positive results in cost, quality, and time by focusing on process improvement. This is why we are deploying Lean Six Sigma at IMA, and we need strong professionals to ensure the program's continued success."

DLAMP personnel can apply for one-year assignments with IMA's Lean Six Sigma program. Positions available include:

Lean Six Sigma finance analyst: There are one or two openings in Arlington. DLAMP participants will work with Resource Management personnel to define the resource management role in the Lean Six Sigma process and to define the rule book for project validation. The purpose of the finance role is providing an independent and objective evaluation of the financial benefits projections and the actual results achieved by Six Sigma Projects. Assignment will include Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training and certification.

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Lean Six Sigma black belt (in training): There are 16 openings to serve as Lean Six Sigma black belts within IMA. Positions will be located at IMA headquarters and at IMA regions. Travel to garrisons to work with the garrison leaders and staff may be required. The assignment will include Lean Six Sigma black belt training and certification. Key responsibilities include driving projects for key business outcomes; collecting data to help identify root cause problems; leading cross-functional teams from directorate and special staff officers to identify improvement options; conducting cost and benefit analyses; implementing process improvements; working with other key stakeholders to ensure changes are implemented; and setting up monitoring mechanisms to ensure improved performance.

Participants act as change agents for IMA, advocating measurement, accountability and applying a Lean Six Sigma-disciplined approach to process improvement.

Lean Six Sigma program manager: There is one opening for the Lean Six Sigma program manager at IMA headquarters in Arlington. The assignment will include green belt training. Black belt training may be provided based on the operational tempo of the position. The program manager is responsible for supporting the Lean Six Sigma deputy deployment director mission to deploy the Lean Six Sigma program. Key responsibilities include driving projects for key business outcomes; collecting data to help identify root cause problems; leading cross-functional teams from directorate and special staff officers to identify improvement options; conducting cost and benefit analyses; implementing process improvements, working with other key stakeholders to ensure changes are implemented; and setting up monitoring mechanisms to ensure improved performance. The program manager is the change agent for IMA, advocating measurement, accountability and applying a Lean Six Sigma disciplined approach to process improvement.

"Lean Six Sigma will be an integral part of our future and closely tied to our continued success. Being part of this growing team of professionals within IMA during the initial deployment will demonstrate your leadership and forward thinking. Additionally, research shows that the combination of training, education, and progressively responsible hands on experience produces effective executives," Faulk said.

DLAMP participants should coordinate with their mentors to determine if one of these opportunities is needed for professional development. For more information, contact Bill Eggers at 703-602-0612 or bill.eggers@hqda.army.mil or Faulk at 703-602-2478 or rosye.faulk@hqda.army.mil.